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1. BRITISH EMBASSY EUROPEAN SPECIALIST'S ACCOUNT TO EMBOFF OF SEPT. 4-5 EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING TALLIES WITH REFTEL REPORT WE OBTAINED FROM FONOFF SOURCES. ONLY DIFFERENCE IS ON QUESTION OF FORMAT WHERE, ACCORDING TO UK SOURCE, DANISH PRIME MINISTER WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EC MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN CAPACITY AS EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THUS ACCORDING MEETING A SLIGHT SUMMIT FLAVOR. BUT OUR SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO REAL AGREEMENT YET REACHED ON US/EC FORMAT ISSUE. HE ADDED UK UNDERSTANDING THAT FRENCH WOULD BE READY TO HAVE EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND PERHAPS ALSO DEFENSE MINISTERS (IN NAC RATHER THAN DPC CONTEXT), MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN NATO SESSION.

2. ACCORDING TO BRITISH ACCOUNT, EMERGING EC-9 TEXT WOULD BE LARGELY AFFIRMATORY IN CHARACTER, WITH THE GOAL OF MEETING ONE OF ORIGINAL US PURPOSES, I.E., TO DISSIPATE MALAISE AND TO PLACE USEUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP ON MORE DURABLE BASIS. BUT OUR SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT JOINT DECLARATION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MEET US WISH FOR COMMITMENTS TO PARTICULAR ACTIONS (E.G., BURDEN SHARING).

3. UK IS CLEARLY PROUD OF ITS EFFORT TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN US DEMANDS AND FRENCH RECALCITRANCE. BRITISH CABLE FROM OLIVER WRIGHT IN COPENHAGEN, FOLLOWING PC MEETING, SPOKE OF DIRECTORS HAVING ATTAINED "HIGHEST COMMON EUROPEAN FACTOR". QUESTION IN MOST GERMAN MINDS IS WHETHER THAT FACTOR WILL MEET BASIC US REQUIREMENTS. HILLENBRAND

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